



From the Director,

Parks Revitalization update:

Phase I: Cadigan Park is now essentially complete. We have a small punch list that will be completed once weather permits that include addressing tennis and basketball court surfaces, minor drainage and turf establishment, and softball field fencing. In all likelihood the restroom buildings at Cadigan Park will be closed for at least a portion of the spring. The restroom buildings at Cadigan and the Pavilion are technically part of phase II of the parks program. The Town will provide temporary restroom facilities until we can open the renovated buildings later this spring or early summer.

As of July 1, 2015 the Cadigan Park Pavilion will be again available for rent to groups of up to 50 people. See our website for detailed information and rental pricing.

The new tennis and basketball courts will be resurfaced and lined as weather permits in May or June. In the meantime, the public can still use the courts and available lighting. Court lights will automatically turn off by 10:00 PM each evening.

Phase II: The Town Beach is currently seeing heavy renovations. This winter has presented challenges we had hoped we might avoid until the snow came in late January and never stopped. Regardless of the weather the contractor has made good progress but unfortunately we are behind our intended schedule.

The impact of these delays will include the following:

- 1) The boat ramp facility will open on Memorial Day weekend or (Saturday May 23rd) and not mid-April. This entrance into the park serves as the primary staging area for the contractor and cannot be shared with the general public. I'd suggest that those boaters looking to access Candlewood Lake do so at Latins Cove, the State launch in Danbury.
- 2) The beach which we typically open for weekends (Memorial Day – the end of the school year) will now open for the season 7 days per week beginning Saturday June 20th.

We are pleased to inform you that beach and boat pass prices will remain flat this year. While we remain committed to providing these waterfront services to our residents at a reasonable price, it's the rising state's minimum wage that drives our waterfront budget. Fair warning...we do anticipate the need for a modest increase for 2016.

In other news...the construction of the two mile Still River Greenway project is now out to bid!

Provided we get favorable bids we could start construction in the May or June 2015 timeframe. This project should take about 12 months to complete.

For periodic updates on these projects (*and many other programs and special events*), like us on facebook.

We are pleased to present our Spring/Summer line up of Programs, Activities, Adult Education, Trips and Special Events.

Your Recreation and Park / Grounds staff continue to maximize the departments' limited resources by improving upon Brookfield's recreational programs and facilities.

"The Benefits are Endless"

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